(iii) Date of effect of promotion shall be from 1.10.2000 onwards and shall be given on completion of specified eligibility period including the weightage of service;

(iv) No parallel post-based promotion;

(v) No recruitment of Management Trainees;

(vi) Date of effect of implementation of revised Industrial Dearness Allowance (IDA) pay scale for Junior Telecom Officers (JTOs)/ Sub-Divisional Engineers (SDEs) of Civil/Electrical/Architecture/ Telecom Factories (TFs) and Assistants, Section Officers (SOs) of Central Secretariat Services (CSSs) and Junior Accounts Officers (JAOs) etc. including the proposed revised pay scale of Official Language Officers shall be 1.10.2000; and

(vii) One time placement in the next higher grade for JTOs/SDEs Telecom;

(b) Although in few parts of the country the services were partially disrupted, there was not much loss to BSNL since alternate routes/ arrangements were available.

(c) and (d) The agitating employees have unconditionally called off their agitation on 23.3.2005. To resolve their issues, a High Level Committee has been constituted by BSNL.

**Broadband service in Karnataka**

3733. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the cities in Karnataka so far covered under BSNL broadband service, dataone;

(b) whether there is any proposal to extend it to all taluka offices in Karnataka;

(c) whether the Karnataka Government and BSNL have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for introducing broadband services in the State; and

(d) if so, action taken if any, to implement the above MoU in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir,

the cities in Karnataka where BSNL's Broadband Service, Dataone has been launched are Bangalore, Mysore and Hubli. The other cities that are planned to be covered within next three months are Belgaum, Bellary, Bijapur, Davangere, Gulbarga, Hassan, Mangalore, Raichur, Shimoga,Tumkur, Udipi and Uttar Kannada.

(b) No, Sir, There is no proposel at present to extend it to all taluka offices in Karnataka.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

**Improvement of telephone services in J&K**

3734. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the main reasons for unsatisfactory telephone services especially in the border areas of Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) the steps taken to improve the telephone services;

(c) whether there is any proposal to install higher capacity exchanges and laying Optical Fibre Cables in border areas of J & K; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEELAHMAD): (a) The telephone services in border areas of J & K are usually working satisfactorily. However, the constraints in providing and maintaining the services are as under:—

1. Poor power supply.
2. Tough Climatic conditions with heavy snow fall over a long period.
3. Restrictions for providing limited and full mobile services.
4. Difficult and inaccessible terrain.
5. Insurgency.
6. Army operations.
7. Difficulty in getting land and building.